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GEORGE WASHINGTON

The man who was most influencial in the successful founding of the United States was, of course, George Washington, whose birthday anniversary is observed this month.

A great general, a great President, a great engineer, and a great American — George Washington left an imprint which is visible in the freedom and enjoyment of life of every American.

Washington not only secured the freedom of this country from England, but he established many of the principles of government, as our first President. His high standards of conduct, morality, ethics and statesmanship were and are today an example for Americans in public office. Indeed, this is the proper time to stop and reflect upon the character, courage, and determination of Washington —which is so much in need in government today. Because Washington had these qualities, we are enjoying the fruits of liberty and strength.

In recent years historians have come to the conclusion that the more they study George Washington, the greater he actually emerges. Had the country not possessed Washington, it is highly doubtful if the Revolution would have succeeded, and thus the independence of the United States today might not have been. As a soldier and a statesman, Washington is one of the world's great men. No other American can rank above him. He is the father of the greatest nation on earth, and he made its greatness possible. All Americans, and especially the young people of today should be reminded of these facts each year, when February 22nd rolls around.

DIGNITY

It is sometimes difficult to maintain one's dignity. In fact, it is even hard to define the word. What exactly is dignity?

The generally - accepted definition of the word is that dignity is a quality of character which wins the admiration and the respect of others. It is also associated with being noble.

To us, dignity is not something reserved for the upper crust, so to speak. It is a trait that many uneducated and impoverished men and women acquire. It is always gratifying to see one who has not made a million dollars or who has not been fortunate enough to acquire an expensive education, nevertheless conduct himself with quiet dignity.

Dignity is the opposite of loudness and common behavior. It is a quality which prevents an individual who possesses it from intruding.

Genuince people do not affect" dignity. This is phony. Dignity itself is not forced or stiff. It can be as warm and simple and down-to-earth as people themselves. But it is readily apparent when a dignified person is in one's presence. And it is always somewhat pleasanter, as a result.

So, then, we might all do well to keep in mind the dignity and character which we should like to exemplify. Whether we be a simple laborer, or a wealthy executive, we can walk the streets with head high, a noble bearing, and conduct our lives with dignity and principle. And, if we do this, with all faith, and dedication to what one believes right, the storms and bitter blows of life will come and go, and nothing can destroy that hard-to-define quality — the dignity of the individual human being.

Newspaper Advertising

In spite of all the new forms of advertising, various firms and individuals spent more than $96,000,000 in The Sew York TIMES in 1960. This is more than has ever been spent in any newspaper, for advertising in one year, we are informed.

Newspaper advertising has many advantages over every other form of advertising. Just one of these advantages is that it is a permanent record, and can be referred to over and over again. It carries a dignity and respect to add to its regulated advantages. American newspapers, daily and weekly, offer the top advertising medium in the world. It is a privilege to be associated with such a field of good business.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What are the official flag and pennanet warnings for threatening weather used by the Weather Bureau?

A red pennant means moderately strong winds expected. A red pennant above a square red flag with black center means storm expected from the northeast. A red pennant below the same square means southeast storm expected.

A white pennant below the same flag indicates imminence of a storm with initial wind from the southeast. The pennant above the same flag means northwest storm is expected.

The most omnious of all the warnings is the two square flags, red with black centers, which indicate the approach of a hurricane. At night the warning is two red lanterns with a white lantern in between.

When you find it difficult to make other people understand what you think, it may be that you do not understand it yourself.

People without responsibility are often anxious to solve tremendous problems.

Japan's aid debt to U. S. nears $2,000,000,000.

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Washington Notes

Russ Airlift To Laos

The United States says Russia has stepped up its airlift of arms and supplies to pro-Communist rebel forces in Laos.

State Department press officer, Lincoln White, said that eighteen Soviet transport planes of the Ilyushin-14 design are flying arms and Supplies to the tiny southeast Asian kingdom from Hanio, capital of North Viet Nam.

Prestige Polls Released

Two Government polls which said U. S. prestige declined last year in some parts of the world were made public recently on orders from President Kennedy.

Many officials felt then and now that the reports should be kept secret. They contend that the studies are the internal working tools for the agency, needed to help draw an accurate picture of how others see the United States.

Russ Space Spectacular

Russia' next space spectacular could be to put two men into orbit, both in the same capsule.

Many space and rocket experts think the race to put a man in space is almost sure to go to the Russians. The Soviets have had a more powerful booster rocket for some time.

Largest Farm Exporter

The United States is the world's largest exporter of farm products. The Agriculture Department said that for the year ending June 30, this country supplied 17 per cent of the world's export of farm goods.

The value of U. S. exports dhring the fiscal year totaled $4,500,000,000, slightly under the record high of $4,700,000,000 in 1957.

The countries which received the largest amounts of United States exports of food goods, in order, include the United Kingdom, Japan, Canada, West Germany, the Netherlands, India, Italy, Belgium, Cuba and France.

Kennedy On Budget

President Kennedy has told Democratic leaders he will ask Congress for additional revenue to match any new spending requests that could be blamed for unbalacing the Eisenhower budget.

Kennedy was represented as being determined to make it clear that if there is a deficit in the year beginning July 1, the preceding Republican Administration will have to take its share of the blame.

Scotland Hair-Do Rage

Glasgow, Scotland.- A leading barber reported the latest rage is the John F. Kennedy hairdo—a mop on top, parted on the side.

The young Scots are giving up the crew cut and are going to try the Kennedy style because they think it makes them look older and more mature.

The older men are coming in to get this type of haircut because they think it makes them look younger.

Not Justified

Just because you keep your chin up is no reason you have to look down your nose. -Loyd Burns in Toledo, Iowa, Chronicle.

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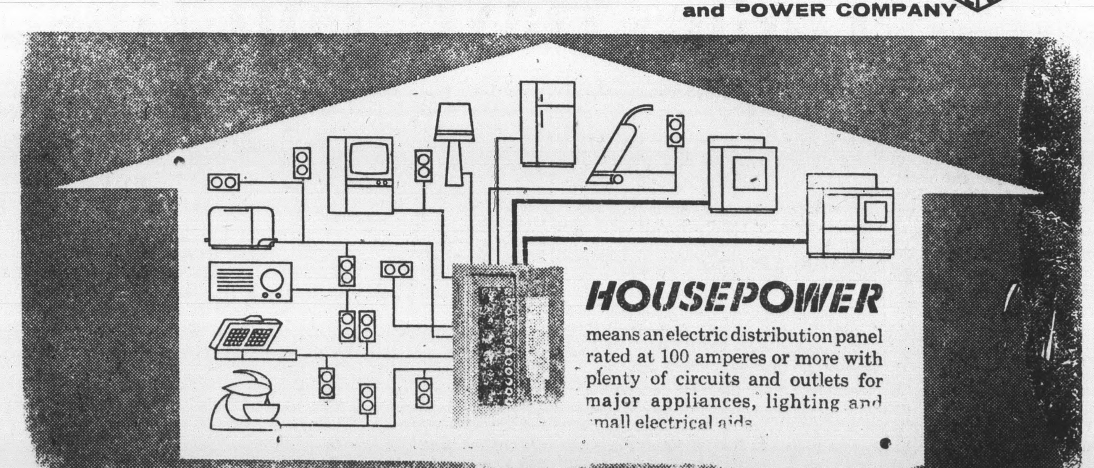

Appomattox Native Has Hobby of Collecting Old Talking Machines

A native of Appomattox County has developed a great hobby, and is known far and wide for his collection in this hobby field.

That would be Mr. J. W. Thornhill, a resident of Bradley Street in the historic town of Abingdon, Va.

Mr. Thornhill has collected one of the top assortments of mirth and merriment, a group of some 36 old phonographs and graphophones, with records to match, some dating back as far as 1886.

His collection is of the age before juke boxes, radio and TV. It was of the generation when cylinder records poured forth music on phonographs and music boxes.

These machines are rare and the machines are now top collector's items. There are very few left, after the inrush of collectors to get possesion of the workable relics. A gentleman in Vinton, Va., has one of the nation's top collections of old cylinder relics. There is another in Richmond, Va.

But, don't overlook Mr. J. W. Thornhill, of Abingdon, a native of historic Appomattox.

Mr. Thornhill is in the insurance business. He is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Thornhill, who lived near Tower Hill. He received his education here, and that including attending the former Buck Hollow School near Bent Creek. He went to Abingdon in the 1930's to establish himself as a top business man. Appomattox is proud of his successful career.

The Thornhill family is one of those in this area with widest connections. In the immediate family there is Paul Thornhill, Ben Thornhill, Sam Thornhill, Mrs. Sallie Hays, Mrs. Mildred Mann, Walker Thornhill, H. C. Thornhill, John R. Thornhill — and add in J. W., of Abingdon, the subject of this sketch.

Also, include such close relatives as J. L. Thornhill, of Appomattox, who supplied us with the above information about their fine family.

J. W. Thornhill is an authority in the field of old phonographs. He started his collection 18 years ago. He has a prize item: an Edison machine which plays a five-inch cylinder record. This machine has a large horn, and was made up as a special item for playing in large auditoriums.

When these early phonographs appeared on the markets, the ads read something like this: "It sings, it talks, it plays, it laughs. An evening of music, myrth, mimicry, and merriment. Strictly high class entertainment."

Thornhill has a Columbia machine patented in 1886. It is wound by a clock-type key.

Mr. Thornhill explains that the old phonographs had either diamond or sapphire needle points.

How did Mr. Thornhill acquire such a fascinating collection? He roamed Southwest Virginia, Eastern Tennessee, Ohio, and other areas, he has on his records speeches of Theodore Roosevelt and William Jennings Bryan. He has a collection of over 1,500 records, covering the period after the 1800's.

Thornhill has purchased broken machines, and as a hobby has repaired them.

Mrs. Thornhill joins in the spirit of this hobby, and if there is a musically inclined home in Virginia it could be the best nomination is the J. W. Thornhill home, out in Abingdon.

And so, Appomattox today salutes an outstanding native son, who has made a success in life, and on top of that has created a special hobby of museum relics and treasure items which will delight the music world for many years to come.

Wealth, in itself, is not wrong, but there are differences of opinion about how far a man can go in getting it.

FEBRUARY CUE FOR GARDENERS

Home gardeners should rise from their armchairs and be up and at'em this month, says F. H. Scott, vegetable specialist at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

He says to plow the garden early so plantings can begin on time. If you have a cover crop growing in the garden, turn it under 30 days before planting, if possible. If the cover crop has grown so high it will not turn under well, disk it thoroughly before plowing. Also turn under rough straw manure, partly rotted compost, or sawdust, 30 days before planting. Be sure the soil, especially clay soil, is not too wet for plowing.

Plan the garden now for the year. Keep in mind a balanced diet for the family when planning the garden.

Refer to your 1960 gardening notes—if you kept some.

Select varieties carefully. Some diseases can be controlled only by using resistant varieties. Use cabbage varieties which are resistant to yellow, spinach varieties resistant to blight, watermelons resistant to fusarium wilt and anthranose, etc.

Buy seed from reliable dealers, and have them on hand ready to plant at the most suitable time.

Growing your own plants may be profitable. They can be grown in plastic greenhouses or hotbeds. The plants of cool season vegetables, such as cabbage, head lettuce, and broccoli usually need about six weeks to grow to transplant size.

Tomatoes also need about six weeks, but pepper and eggplant should be given seven weeks.

Organic matter benefits garden soil by keeping the moisture more constant, by reducing crusting, and by making the soil easier to work. If you do not have a cover crop to turn under, apply manure, sawdust, partly decomposed straw, or other vegetative matter. Be sure to plow the material down well ahead of planting time.

Broadcast a 5-10-10 or 5-10-5 fertilezer over the garden area at the rate of about 25 to 30 pounds per 1,000 feet. Occasionally leafy crops and sweet corn need a nitrogen sidedressing.

U. N. urges a Red Cross role on Lumumba.

Nixon leaves door open for candidacy in 1964.

Gold loss in week was $105 million.

The courteous automobile driver rarely becomes involved in an accident.

Kennedy promises prompt economic moves.

Panama Canal shipping shows increase.

STRENGTH FOR THESE DAYS

from The Bible

For He is not a God of the dead, but of the living; for all live unto Him

—(St. Luke 20:38)

God, love, wisdom, mercy, an ever-present help, is all around us each minute of our lives as is the very air we breathe, made a living, wonderful reality attainable by each of us through His Son, our Savior, Christ Jesus. When we neglect the daily opportunity to live within His love, we are but merely existing.

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